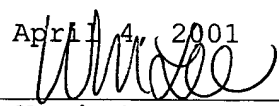


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<p>In re Application of</p> <p>Robert Akita et al.</p> <p>Serial No.: To Be Assigned 09/825,584</p> <p>Filed: April 4, 2001</p> <p>For: ISOLATED NUCLEIC ACIDS, VECTORS AND HOST CELLS ENCODING ErbB3 ANTIBODIES (AS AMENDED)</p>	<p>Group Art Unit: To Be Assigned 1642</p> <p>Examiner: To Be Assigned C. Yaen</p> <hr/> <p>CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAILING</p> <p>I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated below and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.</p> <p>Express Mail Label No. EL 599 585 468 US</p> <p>April 4, 2001</p> <p></p> <p>Wendy M. Lee</p>
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Sir:

IN THE TITLE:

Please replace the title beginning at page 1, line 7 and page 56, line 1 with the following title: --ISOLATED NUCLEIC ACIDS, VECTORS AND HOST CELLS ENCODING ErbB3 ANTIBODIES--

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--This application is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/316,981 filed May 24, 1999, which is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/827,009 filed March 25, 1997 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,968,511 issued October 19, 1999), which is a non-provisional application filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b)(1), claiming priority under USC §119(e) to provisional Application Serial No. 60/046,850 filed March 27, 1996 (now abandoned), which applications are incorporated herein by reference.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 12, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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